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SUBJECT: BRIEFING JORDANIANS ON LONDON MEETINGS

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SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR BRIEFED CROWN PRINCE HASSAN USIHG REVISED TALKING POINTS ON LONDON MEETING (SEPTTEL CONTAINS TALKING POINTS). HASSAN REACTED POSITIVELY AND ASKED US TO CONVEY TALKING POINTS DIRECTLY TO KING HUSSEIN IN LONDON. HASSAN ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH MININFO THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING STATEMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTING EGYPTIAN POSITION WHICH IS NOW BEGINNING TO APPEAR IN PRINT LOCALLY. THIS WOULD IMPUTE, BUT NOT DIRECTLY CONTAIN, SUPPORT FOR LONDON MEETING AS WELL. HASSAN APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND AND WAS DISINCLINED TO CRITICIZE LONDON MEETINGS. HOWEVER HE WILL AWAIT KING GENERAL DIRECTION ON THIS POINT. END SUMMARY

1. I SAW CROWN PRINCE HASSAN AS INSTRUCTED SHORTLY AFTER 9 A.M. LOCAL JULY 5. HASSAN, ATTIRED IN JUDO OUTFIT AND SPORTING BLACK BELT, HAD JUST COME FROM EXERCISE SESSION. SINCE HE INDICATED ONLY SUPERFICIAL KNOWLEDGE TALKING POINTS CONVEYED TO KING

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THROUGH SHARAF ON JUNE 21, I WENT OVER THESE WITH HIM AND LEFT A COPY. I THEN WENT OVER TALKING POINTS REVISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL D). AT THE END, I SUMMARIZED OUR POSITION BY INDICATING THAT WE CLEARLY WISHED JORDANIAN SUPPORT FOR LONDON MEETINGS. I ADDED THAT ANY CRITICISM OF MEETINGS OR OBJECTION TO THEM WOULD CLEARLY UNDERMINE JORDAN'S MODERATE POSITION. FINALLY, I ADDED THAT WHILE FULL INFORMATION NOT YET

AVAILABLE ON EGYPTIAN POSITION BEING PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT CARTER AND THE ISRAELIS, PRELIMINARY REPORTS INDICATED THAT IT WAS SO CLOSE TO POSITIONS LONG ADVOCATED BY KING HUSSEIN THAT OBJECTION TO ON-GOING PEACE PROCESS FROM JORDAN WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO ABANDONMENT OF KEY ELEMENTS OF JORDAN'S SUBSTANTIVE POSITION. HERE I INDICATED THAT EGYPT HAD ADOPTED ELEMENTS OF JORDAN'S POSITION--JORDANIAN ADMINISTRATION OF THE WEST BANK IN PREPARATION FOR ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION BY INHABITANTS AND UN PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS.

2. HASSAN REPLIED FIRST BY ASKING THAT WE UNDERTAKE TO CONVEY POINTS TO KING HUSSEIN. MECHANICALLY HE SUGGESTED THAT EMBASSY LONDON COULD PASS TALKING POINTS TO CHIEF OF ROYAL PROTOCOL HIKMAT. HASSAN BELIEVES KING IS STAYING AT HIS HOUSE AT 7 PALACE GREEN. HIKMAT CAN BE CONTACTED THERE ON PHONE NUMBER 937-1745 AND 937-2228. I SUGGESTED AND HASSAN ALSO AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO DELIVER COPY TO AND BRIEF COURT CHIEF SHARAF WHO IS ALSO IN LONDON. HIKMAT AND/OR JORDANIAN EMBASSY WILL KNOW HIS WHEREABOUTS. REVISED TALKING POINTS BEING REPEATED SEPTEL TO DEPARTMENT, LONDON, AND CAIRO.

3. SECONDLY, HASSAN SUGGESTED ALSO THAT KING BE PROVIDED WITH A COPY OF EGYPTIAN PLAN. I SAID I WOULD REPORT THIS SUGGESTION TO WASHINGTON WITH STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT IT BE CARRIED THROUGH IF AT ALL FEASIBLE.

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4. THIRDLY, HASSAN BELIEVED IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO POINT OUT TO KING, IF INDEED SUCH IS ACTUALLY THE CASE, THAT EGYPTIAN PLAN CONTAINS, INTER ALIA, THE ELEMENTS OF JORDANIAN ADMINISTRATION OF THE WEST BANK IN PREPARATION FOR AN ACT OF SELF-DETERMINATION BY THE INHABITANTS AND A ROLE FOR THE UN IN THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD ALONG WITH JORDAN AND EGYPT. HASSAN SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CONVEYED TO THE KING THAT I MADE THESE POINTS TO HIM AND THAT HE AGREED THAT THESE WERE NEW AND HELPFUL ELEMENTS WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ANY JORDANIAN REACTION TO CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PEACE PROCESS.

5. IN ADDITION, NOT TO BE CONVEYED BY LONDON TO KING HUSSEIN, AFTER I PRESSED HASSAN A BIT, HE AGREED THAT UNTIL HE HEARD FROM THE KING HE WOULD CONSULT WITH THE CABINET AND SEEK TO AVOID ANY CRITICAL COMMENT. HE WAS ALMOST TOYING WITH THE IDEA OF A STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION SUPPORTING THE EGYPTIAN POSITION, ONCE THESE HELPFUL ELEMENTS OF IT WERE CONFIRMED, THEREBY IMPLYING AT LEAST SUPPORT BY JORDAN FOR THE WHOLE RANGE OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS. SUPPORT WOULD FOCUS ON THE ESSENCE OF THE EGYPTIAN POSITION WHICH WAS IN ACCORD WITH JORDANIAN VIEWS AND THE LONG-STANDING ARAB POSITION. I SAID THAT I BELIEVED ANY POSITIVE STATEMENT AT THE PRESENT TIME BY JORDAN WOULD BE HELPFUL.

HASSAN SAID HE WILL OF COURSE WANT TO BE APPRISED OF KING'S  
REACTION AND THAT KING MAY WANT TO CALL HIM TO CONVEY HIS VIEWS  
BACK.

6. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY CURRENT AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION  
ON EGYPTIAN POSITION FOR HASSAN AND AUTHORITIES HERE.

7. HASSAN ALSO ASKED IF WE WOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH TO PASS TO KING

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FOLLOWING BRIEF MESSAGE FROM HIM. QUOTE: WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH  
WITH SYRIAN INTELLIGENCE AND THEY HAVE GIVEN US NO CLEAR REACTION  
TO DATE ON DEVELOPMENTS ON SOUTH LEBANON. WE HAVE PLEAS FROM ONE  
LEBANESE FACTION ASKING FOR TERMINATION OF THE ROLE OF SYRIAN ADF  
AND ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM LEBANON. END QUOTE.

8. FYI: HASSAN CONFIRMED THAT FACTION WAS CHAMOUNISTS.  
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